

fear God ; and masters, who have such in their houses, do frequently reap the advantage of their piety, though they may be ignorant of it.—But to return to Joseph. His goodness of disposition, was soon the means of his promotion ; but his prosperity would certainly have been his ruin, had he not been endowed with very singular grace. Potiphar's wife was a beautiful, but a wicked woman. Her impudent temptation of Joseph ought to warn young persons to be very circumspect in their conduct.

There are many things, which may tend to overcome us in the hour of temptation, and these were all united in the case of Joseph. Natural passions, a desirable object, and convenient opportunity, when combined, are not easily resisted ; but in the midst of all, the reflection this young man made, has a blessed tendency to preserve us from

from evil :—"How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God !"

By this, Joseph became victorious : Oh, that you, my dear young reader, may be made so too, if you are ever exposed to temptation !



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